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SUBJ: SHOOTING INCIDENT AT CUBA-HAITI WORLD CUP SOCCER MATCH DECEMBER
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1. A MEMBER OF THE PRESIDENT'S ELITE UNIT, THE LEOPARDS,
WAS INVOLVED IN A SHOOTING INCIDENT AT SATURDAY'S WORLD
CUP SOCCER MATCH BETWEEN HAITI AND CUBA AT PORT AU PRINCE.
DETAILS OF THE INCIDENT REMAIN UNCLEAR. SPECTATORS IN THE
AREA SAY THAT IN THE EXCITEMENT AFTER THE CUBAN GOAL, A
LEOPARD FIRED HIS UZI SUB-MACHINE GUN INTO THE CROWD.
ACCORDING TO RADIO METROPOLE, SIX WERE KILLED AND SEVERAL
INJURED. IN THE ENSUING PANIC A NUMBER OF SPECTATORS WERE
INJURED. THE TWO TEAMS CONTINUED PLAY AND THE PANIC WAS
CONFINED TO THE AREA OF THE INCIDENT.

2. HAITIAN SECURITY AT THE MATCH INCLUDED THE POLICE AND
ARMY UNITS, AS WELL AS THE LEOPARDS. EARLIER, THE LOCAL AP
STRINGER WITNESSED ANOTHER INCIDENT INVOLVING A UZI-WAVING
LEOPARD AND AN UNRULY MOB TRYING TO GET INTO THE STADIUM.
NO SHOTS WERE FIRED AS THE CROWD WAS DISPERSED BY POLICE.
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